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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional) Return of John Whitten to Testify SSC

FROM: Norbert A. Shepanek
A/SA/DDO
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EXTENSION

9018

NO.

DATE 23 April 1976

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

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OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

1. Review Staff
Attn: Walt Elder

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Attached is exchange of cables on John Whitten.²⁶ Please note that although retired he is blocked to EOD. He is also concerned about his safety since he is living more-or-less permanently in Vienna.¹⁰ (He may be afraid that they will turn on him if they run out of oil ministers.) Kidding aside, I think he has a legitimate cause for concern so we want to handle this matter as securely as possible.

Please let me know ASAP how SSC wants to handle the finances for the trip. We have less than two weeks if they want him before 10 May.

File: SSC/EUR

Shep

Cost of ticket
Rd Trip 1st class TWA:
#1,414. + \$3. airport tax
Economy: \$808 + 3. airport tax
Elder plans to ask for \$1,500.
also for Jack
John A. Seeloo

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S E C R E T 231709Z APR 76 STAFF

CITE ¹⁵⁻¹⁴WIENNA 30082

TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR.

RYBAT ⁰¹PLMKBALD

REF: DIRECTOR 843029

1. REF MESSAGE DELIVERED TO MR. ²⁶WHITTEN 1600HRS LOCAL, 23 APRIL.

2. MR. ²⁶WHITTEN STATES HE DESIRES COOPERATE WITH REF REQUEST, HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS PURCHASE AIRLINE TICKETS. IF SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE WILL ADVANCE TRAVEL COSTS, MR. ²⁶WHITTEN WILLING APPEAR IN WASHINGTON AT COMMITTEE'S CONVENIENCE BY THE 10TH OF MAY.

3. MR. ²⁶WHITTEN WISHES PLACE ON RECORD HIS EXTREME CONCERN THAT ANY LEAKS RE HIS PAST ACTIVITIES MAY CAUSE HIM AND FAMILY PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES IN ¹⁸AUSTRIA WHERE THEY AT PRESENT RELATIVELY PROMINENT MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY. E2 IMPDET.

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